(b) and (c) Messrs. Jet Airways (India) Private Ltd. has submitted a proposal which envisages, inter alia, the following :

(i) Jet Air ways will be wholly owned by an overseas corporate body (NRI-OCB Company) called Tail Winds Limited.

(ii) Structure of the NRI-OCB namely, Tail Winds Limited, will be as follows :

(a) 60% of the equity to be held by Mr. Naresh Goyal, and NRI.

(b) The balance 40% of the equity to be held by foreign investors, namely, Gulf Air and Kuwait Airways to the extent of 20% each.

Impact on the national carriers will be taken into consideration while deciding whether or not foreign airlines may be permitted equity participation in air taxi companies.

Thefts at Main Airports in the Country

71. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of cases of thefts that have been registered by the air passengers at the main airports in India during the last 3 years;

(b) what is the number of cases that were investigated and action taken thereon year-wise;

(c) what is the number of cases that are still pending; and

(d) what are the steps taken by Government to prevent such happenings ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Touts at City Airports

72. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken note of an article entitled "City Airport Free for Touts" in the Times of India of 19th November, 1992;

(b if so, what action has been taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government propose to free the Indian airports from the menace of touts; and

(d) the number of foreigners who have lodged complaints with the Indian Embassy regarding the activities of touts at the airports and action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The newspaper report refers to cheating of passengers arriving at Bombay airport from abroad by illicit dealers in foreign currency.

Prompt action was initiated and a Committee under the respective Deputy Commissioner of Police/Superintendent of Police at all international airports in the country was formed to curb the menace. The incidents which were reported to the police were investigated and the culprits have been booked in most cases. It is the constant endeavour of the authorities to prevent the touts from harassing passengers.

(d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.